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Environmental Justice and Militarism

By Dena Eakles

When we stopped concerning ourselves with the environment we will leave to our children and our children's children, we ran amuck of our humanity. It has only been since the Industrial Revolution that we have corrupted our planet with the extreme extraction of fossil fuels and the unhealthy pollutants they emit. The burning of fossil fuels has afforded us great speed, advanced warfare and an economy dependent on war and the industry of war. We have been willing to sacrifice clean air, water and soil to the gods of speed and death. We have sacrificed the quality of our food and our health.

We know the earth is not capable of withstanding the constant rupture of pipelines, bombs and smokestacks spewing defiled air. We know the water wars have already begun for some of us. And yet we are willing to risk what we could still save by continuing to depend on natural gas and coal. We are leaving a legacy of destruction as we allow for the continued annihilation of the natural world, which includes us.

Here in Wisconsin, the home of eleven federally recognized tribes and a legacy of environmentalism, we are sacrificing the pristine natural world to our reliance on convenience. We are sold on the need for fossil fuels and any information to the contrary is ignored. It behooves us to ask: who benefits the most as we persist in building fossil fuel power plants? Who will be the losers?

Clearly the winners are not marginalized people who breathe in the fouled air and must use tainted water. Statistics show that higher asthma and cancer rates are found in places proximate to the transmission and burning of fossil fuels. And who is most often saddled with the clean up when explosions or ruptures occur? Rarely does it fall on the utilities, generators or profit brokers. The cost of clean-up and of retired plants

land on the tax payer and, too often, the locales they spoil.

Yet Dairyland Power Cooperative and We Energies continue to slam us with new fossil fuel projects like Superior's Nemadji Trail Energy Center and with rate increases that hit those already saddled with the burden of high energy cost. The completion of the Line 5 pipeline will continue the process of colonialization, land theft and resource grabbing from the Bad River tribe. It is forced to defend its homeland and way of life from Enbridge and a host of political actors.

The propaganda of both political parties and the corporate elites want us to believe oil and even nuclear power are necessities when studies prove time and again that renewable energy is not only possible but less expensive. Rural transmission cooperatives are choosing to ignore the transition to renewable energy and the information shared by these entities is often filled with blatant lies and fear mongering.

Into this scenario we welcome WNPJ's Environmental Task Force. Fueled by a grant from Building Alignment and Equity for Environmental Justice, we are forging a coalition of members and non-members that can educate the populace and take timely positions on the myriad of extractive and exploitive issues bearing down on our state and region. Through webinars, conference calls, petitions and actions we will mobilize a grassroots effort to connect environmental justice and militarism and call out the U.S. military as the major leader in environmental destruction. We will champion youth and indigenous voices that are demanding change, while relying on the wisdom and experience of allies and partners who have been in this struggle for decades.

This is our call to stand united in a transition towards a healthy planet and a humanistic approach for all. We can do this. To learn more, stay in touch with our web page at wnpj.org/environmental-justice.

Let us disagree... agreeably!

The Value and Effectiveness of Community Conversations on Hard Issues

By Forest Jahnke

We are calling out to you to take action! It's high time we added essential layers of protection to our municipal ordinances and we encourage you to contact us and stay tuned as we launch this grassroots campaign. We are also calling for respect and civility in our actions, to ensure we can move forward as a united community.

There is more than enough that everyone agrees on: supporting safe drinking water, clean streams, clear air, public health, good food from family farms ... However, we keep getting stuck in the mud in disagreements about how we get there, and need to take extreme care not to get caught in the political traps that divide us.

This does *not* mean we should avoid the hard issues. Crawford Stewardship Project (CSP) is committed to keeping these issues in the public eye and facilitating community conversations. In the words spoken at every local Great River Graziers pasture walk by Vance Haugan: "Let us disagree agreeably!"

After having lost yet another 30 percent of our dairy farmers between 2017 and 2022 in Wisconsin while the number of cows remained steady, we respectfully disagree with the direction agriculture is headed. More consolidation and industrialization increases the hollowing out of our rural communities and adds to the risks of contamination and food supply chain disruption.

Wisconsin's one-size-fits-all rules are not sufficient to protect the sensitive and special hydrogeology of our region. We support municipalities in asserting their authority to put in place ordinances that would cover a host of important considerations not taken into account by the WI Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the State Legislature.

The DNR only seriously accounts for land base and manure volumes, somewhat loosely considers water quality, but neglects to regulate impacts to air quality, property values, local roads, groundwater quantity, and a host of other important issues. Thus we are actively campaigning to support local townships in the passage of Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) *operations ordinances*, which would address all these issues and more, and at no cost to the local municipality.

This is even more crucial in the context of the recent attempts to remove even basic permitting authority from the DNR. Wisconsin Manufacturers and Commerce and their big-ag policy lobbyists (WI Dairy Alliance and Venture Dairy Cooperative) have failed in this attempt, thanks to vigorous opposition and legal work spearheaded by our allies at Midwest Environmental Advocates. That said, we can't expect much from the DNR other than continuing to permit CAFOs wherever they are applied for with minimal (if any) additional conditions to protect water, air, health and safety.



But don't lose hope! We have lots of tools in our local toolbox that are often overlooked. Through Comprehensive Plans (which are due to be updated this year by all our municipalities) and local ordinances, we can set much higher standards for how CAFOs operate. Our rural townships have few resources but each has the authority and responsibility to protect public health, safety and welfare. Through our current push for *operations ordinances*, we can ensure that the costs of monitoring and regulation are not passed down to the municipality or neighbors.

Potentially polluting industries can, and we believe should, be held accountable for their messes. If factory farms and other industrial operations are really as efficient and profitable as they claim, they can afford to take full responsibility for their impacts.

All this and more is moving forward. All it takes is local involvement. CSP is here to give you all the tools you need to support an ordinance like this in your township. We are not saying it will be an easy or comfortable conversation but it is a conversation that needs to be had. If you start to show up at your town or village Board meetings and build a relationship with your local officials, it is amazing what can be accomplished.

Want to protect health, safety, and welfare from CAFOs or other industrial operations in your township? Want to protect the source water for your village wells? Are you willing to show up and disagree agreeably? Let us know! Contact us today!

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War Poisons Everything – we need to be the antidote

By Vicki Berenson

At times I am sitting at my desk, in my well-insulated home about three miles from the Dane County airport, when I am startled by the sudden approach of a loud (and outrageously expensive) F-35 fighter jet that feels like it is right on top of my house. Then another, and another.

At these moments, I find myself filled with sorrow for people in Ukraine, Gaza, Israel, Yemen, Russia and so many places – who are not only startled but absolutely terrified that the bombers or rockets or drones might actually destroy their homes or kill them. And they do.

The war in Gaza is especially distressing to me.

I am a Jewish Quaker. Being Jewish means I come from an ethnic group that has been persecuted, vilified and killed over many centuries by many different people. I am the daughter of a Nazi holocaust survivor. I have family in Israel who are opposed to their government and participate in Arab-Israeli solidarity protests and events. But they are also in danger every day from rocket fire, they have children conscripted into the military, and they grieve over the hostages taken by Hamas on October 7.

I have friends with loved ones in Palestine. I have colleagues who have witnessed the long-time oppression of the Palestinian people in the occupied territories of Gaza and the West Bank and worked for change. I mourn along with them for all the people killed, displaced and starving, their homes and hospitals destroyed and their land poisoned. It is a disgrace that my country, even as it talks about allowing humanitarian aid, has been enabling all this for decades with political and military support for Israel's occupation, apartheid rule and now genocide.

I recently saw the film *Israelism*, which reflected what I was taught in Sunday School growing up: the Jews “made the desert bloom” and Israel as a Jewish state was finally a place where Jews could live safely. We said “Never Again” after the Nazi holocaust. Young American Jews are even encouraged to move to Israel and join the military. No one taught us then about the Nakba, the “catastrophe” during the 1948 Arab-Israeli war when 531 villages were destroyed, 70

civilian massacres took place, and an estimated 10-15,000 Palestinians killed. Over 750,000 people living there were forcibly removed from their homes to create the Jewish state of Israel on their land, with no compensation or ability to return.



Vicki's mother (Roni Berenson) at age 10, drawn by a barber in a hotel in Spain, on the way to America from Berlin in 1941.

The trauma of the Nazi Holocaust continues to feed the Jewish emotional attachment to Israel. It is no excuse to prop up an oppressive government but this generational trauma is real and must be recognized. It explains the power of lobby groups like AIPAC, which has elected officials cowering in their seats if they say so much as a word against Israel. But opposing Israel's government is not synonymous with antisemitism. In truth, Israel's actions are contributing to the rise of antisemitism as well as anti-Arab sentiment around the world.

I'm deeply saddened by the difficulty, even inability, to talk about any of this with Zionist Jews I know. On the other extreme, I'm disturbed by young protesters who chant “Free Palestine – by any means necessary” and “Death to Israel,” tainting the voices for peace.

As a Quaker, I believe that **War Is Not the Answer**. Quakers have an expression: “Let love be the first motion.” Obviously violence is not working. Past and present tell us clearly that war fosters hate and resentment, which erupts again and again in a cycle

of violence. The culture of violence and the competition for dominance oppresses us all, globally and at home as we glorify war and divert trillions of dollars and human resources from caring for our people and our planet. **The cycle must end.**



Roni Berenson circa 2013 at a peace rally, age 83

In June I will be traveling with other members of my family to Berlin, Germany, for the installation of two *Stolpersteine*: brass plates inscribed with the names of my great-grandmother, great aunt and uncle. *Stolpersteine* means “stumbling stones”. These are placed in the pavement where people lived before they were forcibly taken by the Nazis to be killed or deported. The German people have come a long way in facing the truth of their complicity with the Nazi regime and it was not an easy process. But attitudes

among most of the German public have changed dramatically over time and leaders followed, changing school curricula to emphasize Holocaust education, celebrating those participating in the German Resistance, creating prominent memorials to victims of the Holocaust and even declaring a holiday on the 75th anniversary of Germany’s surrender in WWII.

Vietnam veterans have worked to address harms done to the people of that country and heal their own pain. More Americans are beginning to come to terms with the impact of slavery and the devastation wreaked on indigenous people by colonial settlers. How long will it be before Israelis understand the harm they have done? What will truth and reconciliation look like for Israel and Palestine? How will everyone heal from this tragedy?

Organizations like Veterans for Peace, World Beyond War, Interfaith Peace Working Group and so many others are growing, connecting and becoming more visible. Groups like Jewish Voice for Peace and IfNotNow are helping to change U.S. and Jewish public opinion by engaging people in understanding that opposing the Israeli state’s actions is not antisemitism. In Israel, despite government suppression, the grassroots movement Standing Together mobilizes Jewish and Palestinian citizens of Israel to work together for peace, equality and justice.

More young people are speaking up and we all need to amplify and support their voices. Someday I hope “Never Again” will be a reality for everyone. For now, we must do what we can.

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Manure Digesters: Another False Solution to Climate Change

By John E. Peck

There has been much media hype about manure digesters and how they “solve” climate change by capturing and burning methane from confined animal feeding operations (CAFOs – aka factory farms). Billions in taxpayer handouts and other incentives through pollution offset trading markets are encouraging factory farms to expand in order to profit from their waste stream.

In Wisconsin alone there are fifteen such digesters getting cash payments from the California Cap and Trade System for their supposed greenhouse gas offsetting. Economists now speculate that factory farms are earning more from making methane than milk! A new report (<https://foe.org/resources/biogas-or-bull/>) goes even further, suggesting that if the U.S. really wanted to reduce livestock’s toll on the earth’s climate, it would make more sense for regulators to phase-out or split-up CAFOs and shift taxpayer support towards smaller grass-based operations instead.

Sadly, the misguided notion of manure digesters as a “solution” to the climate crisis is nothing new. Back in 2009 at the U.N. Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen, I almost fell off my chair when USDA Secretary Tom Vilsack announced that manure digesters on factory farms were going to be a key part of Obama’s greenhouse gas reduction agenda. He later admitted that less than 10 percent of dairy farms (i.e. CAFOs) would be large enough to qualify for these USDA digester grants, another example of how federal policies support industrial agribusiness to the detriment of smaller farmers.

This digester building binge has ramped up even more under President Biden, with Vilsack once again back at the USDA. Nearly half of the \$1 billion plus in Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP) spending each year now goes to help deal with CAFO waste. In the last decade alone, the Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) has earmarked \$78 million just for digesters. The recent Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) added another \$2 billion to the REAP pot, plus a

30% federal tax credit for new digesters built. The trough of taxpayer funding for the manure methane industrial complex is long and deep.

My first reaction, fifteen years ago, to Vilsack’s digester proposal remains true today: why pay to fix a problem that doesn’t even need to exist? Countless studies have shown that the most cost effective, eco-friendly, and profitable form of dairy farming is managed rotational grazing. If we allow cows to just eat grass and deposit manure naturally in a pasture system, one does not have a methane problem. It is only when one decides to liquify millions of gallons of manure and then store it in large anaerobic lagoons that one has created a pollutant 80 times worse than carbon dioxide.



Sure, one can then capture and burn such digester methane to make electricity or run a vehicle (which still means more

greenhouse gas pollution), but you still have the leftover sludge (a.k.a. *digestate*) to spread somewhere. This digestate is loaded with nitrates, phosphorous and, depending on what other waste gets dumped into the digester, PFAS, pharmaceuticals and heavy metals. These will then get into ground water and surface runoff. And then there’s the ever-present danger of methane explosions, lagoon leaks and pipeline ruptures. Just ask anyone who lives near Waunakee what it is like to have a digester explode and pour 400,000 plus gallons of manure into Lake Mendota a decade ago. It would have been so much cheaper, simpler and less accident-prone to promote composting.

Unfortunately, our current “get big or get out” farm policy is not keen on low-tech agroecological

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approaches to producing healthier food. Instead, corporate agribusiness is allowed to manipulate commodity markets, driving out what little competition exists from smaller farmers and local processors. Their political allies ensure that taxpayers will still underwrite the largest operations that are the easiest to vertically integrate into their oligopoly structure. Is it any surprise to see well-heeled lobbyists now touting manure digesters as “climate smart” for Earth Day and pushing for pollution trading offset schemes within the 2024 Farm Bill debate.

Thankfully, there are better agricultural responses to the climate crisis that also treat rural people and our land, air, and water with respect. Existing federal initiatives such as the Conservation Reserve Program could provide more direct payments to farmers who are already committed to responsible stewardship,

without requiring a 25 percent markup for corporate offset middlemen. The EQIP and REAP programs could be overhauled to severely limit or even eliminate CAFO lagoon/digester grants and earmark more towards smaller grass-based diversified operations instead.

Factory farms should be treated as a pollution point source, subject to all the monitoring, regulation and liability required for any other large-scale industrial operation. Defending local control also remains critical and thousands of folks did respond to a recent action alert calling upon Governor Tony Evers to veto AB957, which would have hamstrung the ability to pass ordinances dealing with factory farms (and other toxic rural activities). Farmers can feed the world and cool the planet – without the false promise of manure digesters.

Wisconsin for Environmental Justice Seeks to Protect Planet for Future Generations

By Dean Muller

Formed in 2022, Wisconsin for Environmental Justice has the goal of building a statewide community of organizations and individuals that can effectively bring about the change needed to meet the challenge of climate warming. This coalition will consist of environmental, farming, union, faith, tribal, youth groups and private citizens who feel this change is necessary. The overriding goal of the organization is to protect the planet for future generations.

Our strategies are two-fold:

First: to increase the public’s awareness of the connection between fossil fuels and climate change.

Second: to urge action by decision-makers on the litigation front.

We want the State of Wisconsin and its cities and counties to pursue litigation for damages caused by the fossil fuel industry. With the recent court filings by the City of Chicago, just weeks ago, a quarter of Americans now live in cities and states that are taking fossil fuel corporations to court. The state of California preceded Chicago last September, demanding that oil companies fund efforts to recover from extreme weather. In December, Native American

tribes on the Washington coast became the first indigenous people to sue in court over the costs of responding to climate-related risks from rising seas, flooding and ocean acidification.

According to *Grist* magazine, around 30 lawsuits have now been filed by cities, states and tribes seeking to force the fossil fuel industry to pay for the costs of climate change.

In its short life, Wisconsin for Environmental Justice has had two productive meetings with State Attorney Josh Kaul’s office, urging him to begin litigation against the fossil fuel industry on behalf of the citizens of Wisconsin. We’ve also approached the cities of Milwaukee and Madison and Dane and Milwaukee Counties regarding their willingness to pursue litigation. Both the City and County of Milwaukee have passed resolutions urging litigation. We plan more face-to-face meetings with mayors and county executives throughout the state.

Wisconsin boasts a rich history of environmental justice, from John Muir to Gaylord Nelson. We can capitalize on this. Please sign the petition on our website <https://www.w4ej.org/petition> to demand accountability for the climate crisis.

Nuclear Power Poisons the Planet. Shut Down Xcel's Monticello Reactor

By Nukewatch staff

Anti-nuclear activist Harvey [Wasserman recently asked](#): “if atomic reactors can’t economically compete, can’t be insured, operate un-inspected, worsen climate chaos, are sitting ducks for terror attack and so much more ... why are they still running?”

The answer is clear: they are the unspoken infrastructure for our nation’s bomb-making machine. Nuclear power is the flipside of nuclear weapons and carries its own dangers.

The latest propaganda craze pushing nuclear power is riding the wave of the climate change movement, greenwashing nuclear power as “clean and carbon-free.” New theoretical reactor designs are being promoted as real and improved, of which they are neither. Old reactors are getting license renewals rubber stamped to run until the ripe old age of 80 and bailed out to the tune of tens of billions of dollars by taxpayers. The U.S. and international partners recently committed to tripling nuclear energy production by 2050. Uranium mining in the U.S. is being revived.

Nuclear power comes with great risk to water, earth and all of life: the risks of accidental, as well as permitted and routine radioactive releases, accumulation of radioactive waste sitting on the banks of water bodies, and the thermal pollution from waste heat produced by reactors. The 90,000 metric tons of high-level radioactive waste from electricity generation at reactors in the U.S. will be dangerous for a million years. Every storage siting proposal that gained political support has been an environmental justice catastrophe. Since there is no safe solution for the waste, every proposal has garnered the opposition it deserved from indigenous and other communities.

The benefits of nuclear power could potentially outweigh these risks if it could solve our climate crisis, but on the contrary, it can’t even withstand climate change. As global water temperatures increase, reactors which [rely on water to cool](#) have had several shutdowns during [heat waves](#) over the last six years to avoid meltdowns. The need for cooling water is the reason reactors must be sited near water bodies, but that in turn puts the radioactive waste at reactor sites in danger as sea

levels rise. In Wisconsin, Point Beach is the only remaining nuclear plant in operation, near Two Rivers on Lake Michigan. The owner’s 2020 bid for relicensing is currently stalled by a lawsuit brought by environmental groups to force a rewrite of the Environmental Impact Statement.

That brings us to Xcel Energy’s nuclear reactor in Monticello, MN. It sits on the Mississippi River, 60 miles from the border of northwestern Wisconsin. Those of us who live here would be affected by the plume of radioactive fallout if there were a meltdown. On April 24, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) issued its Draft EIS regarding Xcel’s application for another 20-year license extension. That launched a public comment period on the Draft EIS for anyone concerned with the continued operation of the leaking, accident-plagued, 53-year-old reactor to send comments to the NRC in Washington, D.C. Nukewatch has sample comments to submit with the click of a button at nukewatchinfo.org/monticello until June 10.

The Monticello reactor made national headlines in March, 2023, when Xcel disclosed that it had leaked cooling water contaminated with tritium and other radioactive elements into the groundwater under the facility. Xcel and local news media reported that an extremely high concentration of radioactive tritium contaminated the leaked wastewater: 5.2 million picocuries per liter, or 250 times the allowable levels for drinking water. The newly released Draft EIS has confirmed for the first time that radioactive water from the leak likely entered the Mississippi River, the source of drinking water for 20 million people, including those in Minneapolis and Saint Paul.

The nuclear beast rears its head along the entire nuclear fuel chain: at re-opened uranium mines, radioactive waste sites, weapons testing sites and power reactors. Now we have a unique opportunity to speak out on whether this reactor continues to run. Will you stand up and take this simple action? Submitting public comments opposing radioactive pollution is something we all can do to stop the nuclear beast in one of its many forms.

For more information on the radioactive leak, license extension, and sample comments to submit, see: nukewatchinfo.org/monticello.

A Candle for Hind Rājāb

Hind, my dear one, you may have heard,
another Kennedy wants to be president.
But this one may be too honest to make
the cut, having confessed to the press
that a worm had chewed away at his brain.

The worm died after several hearty meals,
his doctor attests, but the question remains:
does he have enough brain matter left
to be president, or does it matter?

No, this isn't a bad joke, just the state
of this country, but what's the alternative?

Meanwhile, for three months now I can't stop
thinking of you. Did you hear?
The Columbia students who took over
Hamilton Hall named it Hind Hall in your honor.



Hind Rajab,
six years old

In 1968, students
named it Malcolm X
University,
so you are in good
company.

Both times the cops
went berserk. Both
times
they attacked on April
30. A penchant for
repeating history,
perhaps? In '68,

US forces had just completed Operation Pegasus,
pummeling hills around Khe Sahn into craters
until it resembled a moonscape. Or your Gaza.
The most intensive aerial assault in history,
110,000 tons of bombs.
The cops came with helmets, clubs, flashlights,
blackjacks and brass knuckles. Primitive
by today's standards, huh? They beat everyone
in sight, whether resisting or not. They dragged
720 students off in their paddy wagons.

This time it was 112 arrested at Hind Hall. Numbers,
numbers. What do they mean? What can they
measure?

Last count, 14,685 little innocents have died in Gaza.
You would be the first to tell me that you are no more
important than the others. But I can't even imagine
all those others. Isn't that the way the mind works?

You and Layan were trapped in the car, your other
relatives already dead, when Layan reached
the Red Crescent on the mobile. They were shooting
at you, the tank was next to you, she told them.

Later. Layan must have died, you were alone,
on the phone with the Red Crescent. You were there
three hours, clinging to the phone, clinging
to your young life.

Come and take me, will you come and take me?
you can be heard pleading in the recording.

I'm so scared. Please come, you said.

Four hours after the call it was deemed safe enough
to send an ambulance. Later it was reported
that the ambulance crew caught a glimpse of you
before gunfire stifled every human sound.

Much later still, the ambulance crew and your family
and you were all found, dead. The last that can
be heard of your voice on the mobile is you saying
it was getting dark. You were afraid of the dark.

Back in '68. we occupied a chapel where Joan of Arc
had once prayed. We lit candles. Some of us
prayed. The cops came and kicked down the door
and hauled us all away.
There were 65 in all.

Hind, may I tell you a
secret?
I too am afraid of the
dark, the dark that is
still
to come.
Tonight I will light a
candle
in hopes you can sleep
without fear.



Tom Boswell's poetry has appeared in *Atlanta Review*, *Rattle*,
Poet Lore, *Rosebud*, *The Potomac Review*, the *Lascaux Prize*
and other journals and anthologies. His latest book, *Heart on
a String*, is available from Grayson Books.

CCL Wisconsin Launches Get-Out-the-Vote Campaign

By Steve Lewis and Tom Sinclair

Tens of thousands of Wisconsinites care about the environment but haven't always voted in recent elections. The *Wisconsin Climate Voter Campaign* seeks to get more of them to the polls this year.

The campaign, conducted by volunteers from Citizens' Climate Lobby, is reaching out to 30,000 would-be environmental voters via hand-written postcards and phone calls before the August 13 primary and the November 5 general election.

The message: **Your vote is needed.**

In keeping with CCL's nonpartisan stance, the campaign avoids telling people who to vote for. *You know it's important to be a voter, each postcard writer says, simply. Please make sure your friends and family are good voters too.*

CCL's Stevens Point chapter hosted a work party in March to kick off the campaign. More than 70 volunteers from across the state participated in breakout sessions on such topics as "courageous voter conversations," outreach to faith and student voters, and encouraging voter turnout through social and print media.

Brandyn Keating of the nonprofit group YOUNify spoke about effective outreach, Larry Slezniow of CCL's La Crosse chapter conducted a briefing on Wisconsin elections, and Kathy Kuntz of the Dane County Office of Energy & Climate Change described the many opportunities for tax credits and rebates created by the federal Inflation Reduction Act.

The nationwide Environmental Voter Project identified Wisconsinites who have known interests in environmental concerns but do not vote regularly.

"We'll have an impact on people who are worried about democracy, the election, and the environment," says Wisconsin's CCL campaign coordinator Madeleine Para of Madison.

Citizens' Climate Lobby is an international nonprofit that empowers people from all walks of life to become effective advocates for a stable climate. CCL volunteers in 20 local chapters throughout Wisconsin work to advance pro-climate legislation and educate the public about climate change.

For more information about the Wisconsin Environmental Voter Campaign, visit the Wisconsin CCL website at cclwi.org

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